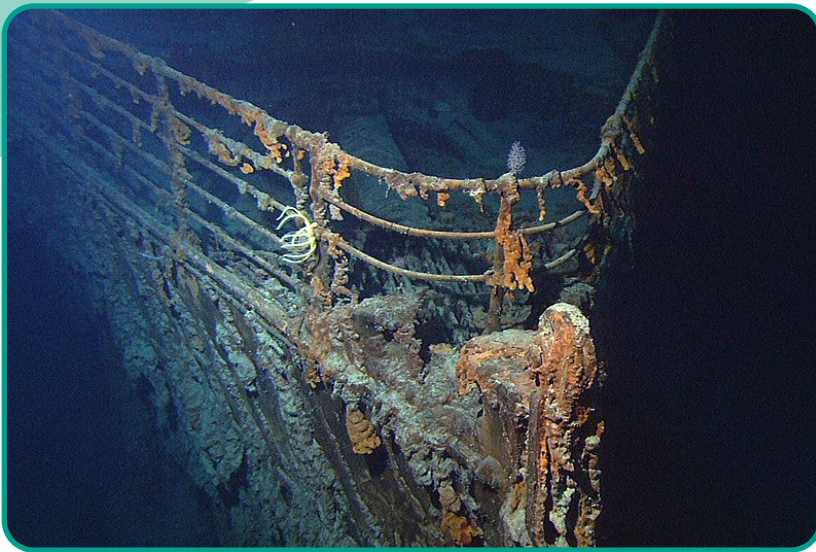


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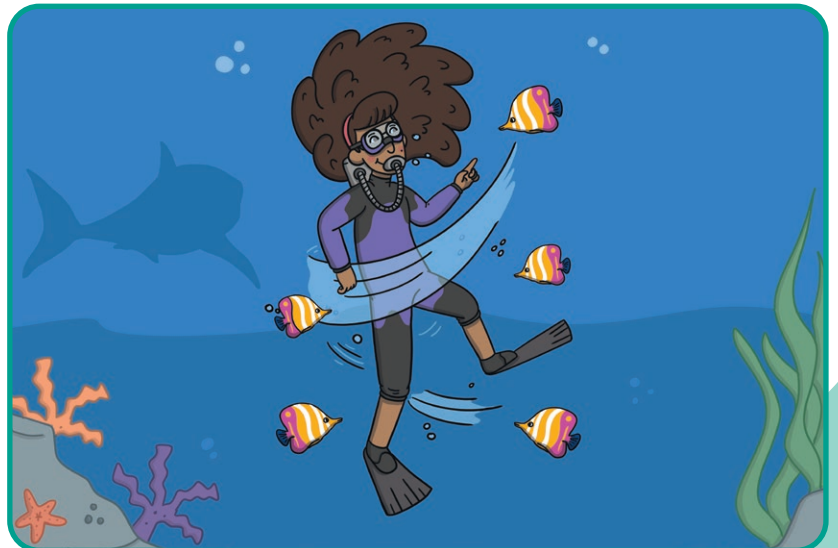


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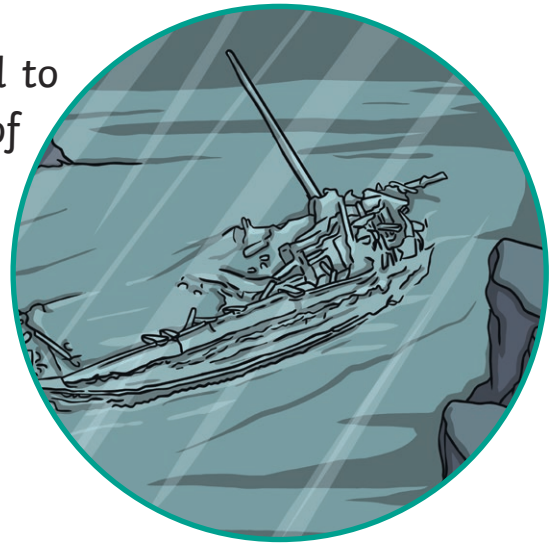
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Secrets of the Seas

For thousands of years, humans have travelled to new places across the seas. Now, there are lots of secrets lurking beneath the waves. It is thought that there are up to three million sunken ships at the bottom of the world's oceans!

Many shipwrecks have been hidden for hundreds of years and are still waiting to be found.



Famous Shipwrecks

Queen Anne's Revenge

Queen Anne's Revenge was a British warship. The boat was called Concord until it was captured by a famous pirate called Blackbeard in 1717. Blackbeard gave the ship a new name and used it on his pirate quests.

One year after he captured it, Blackbeard sank the ship near the USA in 1718. It secretly stayed underneath the waves until it was found in 1996. So far, 31 cannons and lots of treasure have been found onboard!

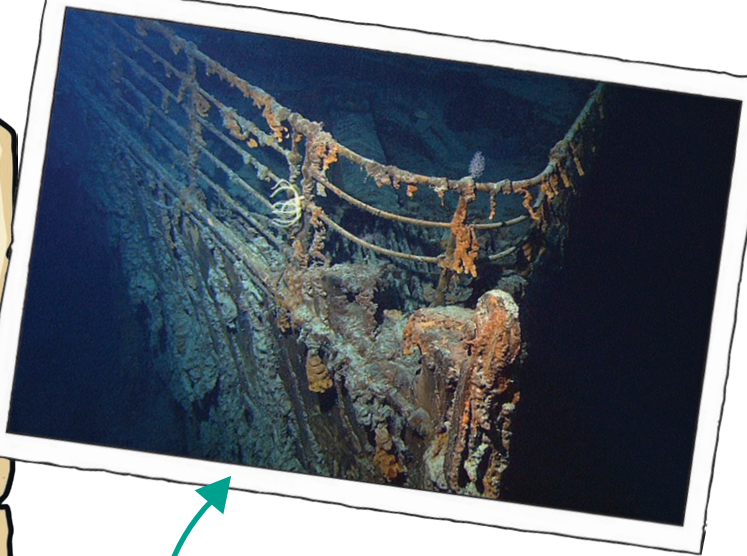


This is a picture of Blackbeard drawn in 1736. Queen Anne's Revenge can be seen sailing in the background.

RMS Titanic

The 'unsinkable' RMS Titanic hit an iceberg on its first voyage in 1912. In less than three hours, it sank to the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean.

It wasn't until 1985 that explorers were able to reach the shipwreck. They found out that the boat had split in half! Some of the boat is very damaged but some of it is still intact. Hundreds of items, such as plates and menus, have been brought back to the surface.



This photograph of the front of the RMS Titanic was taken underwater in 2004.

This photograph shows the H.L. Hunley being lifted out of the water by a crane in 2000.



H.L. Hunley

A submarine called the H.L. Hunley is the only vessel known to have sunk three times! It first sank when it was tested in August 1863. After it had been found and fixed, it sank again two months later in October 1863. It was fixed again but sank for a third time in February 1864.

This time, the submarine was not found until 1995. It had been under the water for 131 years!

San Jose

In 1708, a Spanish ship called the San Jose sank while it was carrying gold, silver and jewels. Nobody knew what had happened to it for 307 years until it was found in 2015 near Colombia in South America. The people who found the shipwreck are still trying to explore it to find out how many of the coins and gemstones are still onboard.



Weird and Wonderful

When shipwrecks are found, they are often damaged. Normally, the salty waves and the creatures that live under the water break the ship up and wash it away over hundreds of years.

Yet, this does not seem to happen in the Black Sea. The Black Sea is a very special place because the water:

- is salty at the bottom;
- is fresh at the top;
- moves very slowly;
- is low in oxygen at the bottom.

Lots of creatures cannot live in the Black Sea. This means that the creatures do not eat the wood that old ships were made out of.

In 2016, 40 shipwrecks were found at the bottom of the Black Sea. Some of them had been there for over 1,000 years but they looked as if they had sunk only days ago!

A Scuba Diver's Diary

Useful words

mystery

research

scientists

scuba

A Scuba Diver's Diary

13th June

After a busy day of packing, I'm finally ready. I can't wait to start work again and get back into the ocean.

I nearly forgot my compass! Can you believe it? I was going through my list of scuba diving things to pack and I realised that

I had left it out. Luckily, I've remembered my drysuit. Forgetting that would have been a real disaster!

I'm off to bed now although I don't think that I'll get very much sleep.

Ann



14th June

I met up with the other scientists at six o'clock this morning. We boarded the boat and then sat down for a catch up. It's so nice to be back with them all again.

Unfortunately, just after lunch, we hit some bad weather. The boat has been rocking wildly ever since. It's clear that many of us have forgotten our sea legs since we've been away. Even Jack is looking a bit green around the edges!

Ann



15th June

I've finally been under the water! The moment my head went beneath the waves, I forgot all about the horrendous boat journey. It's so beautiful here. The water is so clear that

you can see for miles and there are colourful fish everywhere you look. I only had a small tank of air with me so I couldn't stay down for too long. I'll be starting work properly tomorrow – I can't wait!

Ann



16th June

We started work properly today. I began by recording all of the plants that we could see. It will be really interesting to compare the list to the one I made last year. We will see if anything has changed.

We had a student join us today as part of her

research project. At one point during the dive, she got really excited and beckoned us all over. She thought that she had found a rare fish but it was really just a strange rock! She went very red when she noticed. I hope that she's with us again tomorrow.

Ann



17th June

Something really exciting happened today. I spotted a fish that none of us have ever seen before! I tried to catch it to take it back to our base but it was too fast. I'll try again tomorrow. I drew a quick sketch and the rest of the team seemed pretty excited too. It is

bright blue with bulbous eyes and it has a thick, pink stripe along the top of it. Jack thinks that this might be a warning stripe but I disagree.

I'm definitely not going to be able to sleep tonight!

Ann



18th June

After finding the fish, we spent the day tracking it through rocks and plants. We were all so excited that we didn't pay attention to where we were going. All of a sudden, it disappeared behind what looked like a rotten plank of wood. When we

looked up, we realised that we had stumbled across a shipwreck!

It was getting late so we had to head back but we'll be going back to investigate tomorrow. We've now got a mystery fish *and* a shipwreck to explore!

Ann

